

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of rendering a descriptor in association with a streaming media presentation comprising:

receiving said streaming media presentation;

accessing descriptor information;

determining if descriptors are enabled;

rendering said descriptor if descriptors are enabled;

executing a software routine if an interactive access point is enabled for said descriptor and a corresponding user input is received; and

discontinuing display of the descriptor if an end display condition has occurred,

wherein the rendering of said descriptor further comprises rendering said descriptor in a position that provides an association with a streaming media image element, and

the descriptor comprises text information related to the streaming media image element.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising rendering an indication that descriptors are available and enabling said descriptors if a predetermined user response to said indication is received.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein said indication is an icon displayed within a streaming media image.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein said indication is an audible signal.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of rendering said descriptor further comprises rendering an association indicator.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said step of rendering said association indicator further comprises changing the location of said association indicator to reflect a change in position of an image element.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of rendering a descriptor in conjunction with a streaming media image element comprising:

receiving a streaming media presentation;

accessing descriptor information;

determining if descriptors are enabled;

receiving pointing device position information;

selecting a descriptor from said descriptor information using said position information,

wherein said descriptor comprises textual information associated with a streaming media element;

rendering the selected descriptor in a predetermined position associated with the streaming media image element, such that the descriptor does not obscure important streaming media presentation content; and

discontinuing display of said selected descriptor if an end display condition has occurred.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising executing a software routine if an interactive access point is enabled for said selected descriptor and if a corresponding input is received.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of rendering a descriptor in association with a streaming media image element comprising:

- receiving a streaming media presentation;
- accessing descriptor information;
- determining if descriptors are enabled;
- highlighting at least one streaming media image element;
- receiving a user input;
- rendering said descriptor in a predetermined position; and
- discontinuing display of the descriptor if an end display condition has occurred,

wherein the rendering of said descriptor further comprises rendering said descriptor in a position that provides an association with the streaming media image element, and

the descriptor comprises text information related to the streaming media image element.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of rendering a descriptor in association with a streaming media image element comprising:

- receiving a streaming media presentation;
- accessing descriptor information;
- determining if descriptors are enabled;
- receiving pointing device position information;
- highlighting at least one streaming media image element;
- receiving a user input;
- selecting a descriptor from said descriptor information using said position information;
- rendering the selected descriptor in a predetermined position; and
- discontinuing display of the descriptor if an end display condition has occurred,

wherein the rendering of said descriptor further comprises rendering said descriptor in a

position that provides an association with the streaming media image element, and
the descriptor comprises text information related to the streaming media image element.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising executing a software routine if an interactive access point is enabled for said selected descriptor and if a corresponding input is received.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of rendering a descriptor in association with a streaming media image element comprising:

- receiving a streaming media presentation;
- accessing descriptor information;
- determining if descriptors are enabled;
- receiving pointing device position information;
- altering the appearance of a displayed cursor if a position of said cursor ~~position~~ corresponds to a streaming media image element for which a descriptor is available;
- receiving a user input;
- selecting a descriptor from said descriptor information using said position information;
- rendering the selected descriptor in a predetermined position; and
- discontinuing display of the descriptor if an end display condition has occurred,

wherein the rendering of said descriptor further comprises rendering said descriptor in a position that provides an association with the streaming media image element, and
the descriptor comprises text information related to the streaming media image element.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of rendering a descriptor in association with a streaming media image element comprising:

receiving a streaming media presentation;
accessing descriptor information;
displaying a streaming media image element identifier in a first screen position within a streaming media image; and
displaying a descriptor associated with said streaming media image element in a second screen position,
wherein the second screen position is associated with the streaming media image element,
and
the descriptor comprises text information related to the streaming media image element.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of rendering a descriptor in association with a streaming media presentation comprising:
receiving said streaming media presentation,
accessing descriptor information,
displaying at least one streaming media image element identifier in a first screen position within a streaming media image,
displaying a descriptor associated with said streaming media image element identifier in a predetermined position at least partially overlapping said streaming media image, and
updating said descriptor in response to a user input associated with said streaming media image element identifier,
wherein the descriptor comprises text information related to the streaming media image.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of rendering a descriptor in association with a streaming media image element comprising:
receiving a streaming media presentation;

accessing descriptor information;

displaying at least one streaming media image element identifier in a first screen position

providing association with said streaming media image element,

displaying a descriptor associated with the first streaming media image element in a predetermined position at least partially overlapping the streaming media image, wherein the descriptor comprises text information related to the streaming media image,

dynamically associating the streaming media image element identifier with a second streaming media image element in response to scene changes, and

updating the descriptor to display information associated with the second streaming media image element.

17. (Currently Amended) A streaming media receiver comprising:

a unit that receives a streaming media presentation;

computer program code that accesses descriptor information;

computer program code that determines if descriptors are enabled;

computer program code that detects a rendering event; and

computer program code that renders a descriptor,

wherein the rendering of said descriptor comprises rendering said descriptor in a position that provides an association with a streaming media image element, and

the descriptor comprises text information related to the streaming media image element.

18. (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 17 further comprising:

computer program code that determines if an interactive access point is enabled for said descriptor;

computer program code that determines if an interactive access point event has occurred;

and

computer program code that executes a hotlink if said ~~hotspot~~ interactive access point is enabled and said ~~hotspot~~ interactive access point event has occurred.

19. (Original) The receiver of claim 17 wherein said code that renders a descriptor further comprises:

computer program code that receives position information from a pointing device and selects said descriptor from said descriptor information.

20. (Original) The receiver of claim 17 further comprising:

computer program code that receives position information from a pointing device and highlights a streaming media image element.

21. (Original) The receiver of claim 17 further comprising:

computer program code that receives position information from a pointing device and alters the appearance of a cursor if said position corresponds to a predetermined streaming media image element.

22. (Original) The receiver of claim 17 further comprising:

computer program code that renders an association indicator associating said descriptor and a streaming media image element.

23. (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim [[17]] 18 further comprising:

computer program code that receives position information from a pointing device and highlights a streaming media image element.

24. (Original) The receiver of claim 17 further comprising:
computer program code that at least one streaming media image element identifier in a first screen position providing association with a streaming media image element.

25. (Original) The receiver of claim 24 further comprising:
computer program code that updates said descriptor in response to a user input.

26. (Original) A streaming media receiver comprising:
means that receive a streaming media presentation;
means that access descriptor information;
means that determine if descriptors are enabled;
means that detects rendering event; and
means that renders a descriptor.